Lady Red Devils

Rustburg: a new look

THE 1983 LADY RED DEVIL VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: Front (from left) - Co-captains Kim Lair and Teresa Buchanan; Standing (from left) - Coach Bonnie Jennings, Cheryl Jones, Lenora Jefferson, Lori Elliott, Missy Adkins, Rhonda Burks, Missi Crawley, Kelly Gregory, Coach Pat Bell. Not pictured: Joy Sampson, Judy Dickerson, Cheryl Elliott, Angie Brown.

The Rustburg High School Lady Red Devils varsity basketball team starts this season with a new coach and two returning starters from last year's varsity squad.

Bonnie Jennings is the new coach, and Joy Sampson and Kim Lair are the two returning starters from last year's team.

Not that Jennings is new to the sport. She has coached the junior varsity girls' basketball team at Rustburg for seven years.

"That will be an advantage to a point," says Jennings. "I know the girls who are up from junior varsity, know their style of play. In fact, I have coached all the girls on this year's varsity team."

While Sampson, a forward, and Lair, a guard are the only returning starters from last year's team, Rustburg will have one more player from last year's varsity team with good playing experience, Judy Dickerson, a guard.

Other girls returning from last year's varsity squad include center Teresa Buchanan, and forward Cheryl Elliott.

The probable starting lineup for the Lady Red Devils this season will be Rhonda Burks and Kim Lair at the guard positions, Teresa Buchanan at center, and Joy Sampson and Leonard Jefferson at the forward posts.

Jennings says that Judy Dickerson will also see a lot of playing time this season at the guard position.

"Burks and Jefferson are both very good players, even though they are young," says the coach. "They both started on the junior varsity two years, as eighth and ninth graders."

Jennings says that the Lady Red Devils will suffer from a lack of height this

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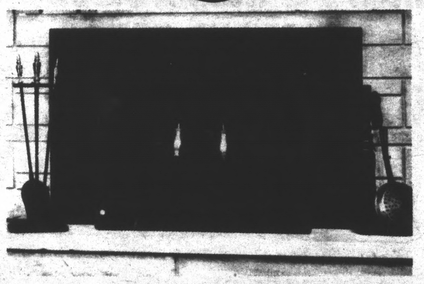

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Lady Knights have potential for excellent season

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players."

However, the players who have been practicing this summer for the 1983 season have shown good progress and potential.

"While we haven't jelled as a team yet, the girls have worked hard, and are showing some very good potential," notes the coach. "They are a super group of young women to work with, and they have shown excellent attitudes this summer in practice. They have worked as hard in this heat as they possibly could, and never had any complaints."

While depth will be a problem on this year's Lady Knight squad, the starting five, at least, have good experience.

"Apperson, Brown and Garrett have good experience playing varsity, and Gormus and Johnson got experience playing junior varsity last seaosn," McDaniel points out.

"We have a good shooting team, most all of the girls have good shots.

And, while the Lady Knights do not have any extremely tall girls, the team has "pretty good average height," according to the coach.

Because of the lack of scrimmage time due to the small number of players, McDaniel says that her team has not developed the quickness she feels it has the potential for.

"But the girls are looking much more polished now than when practice started," adds the coach.

Buckingham will run a mixture of zone and man-to-man defenses this season, according to McDaniel.

Offensively, the team will probably stick more to an outside attack, utilizing the girls' good shooting abilities. "I'm not really sure what kind of rebounding ability we'll have this season," the coach notes.

Regarding the Seminole District in the 1983 girls' basketball season, McDaniel says that she feels Altavista and Gretna will both be strong contenders this season. "Liberty may be tough too, and Appomattox and Rustburg always come on strong in this district," McDaniel adds.

McDaniel agrees with other coaches in the district that there will likely not be a single dominant team in the Seminole this seaosn.

The Buckingham Lady Knights were scheduled to play their first game Tuesday against Altavista, after the **Times-Virignian** deadline. Tonight (Thursday), the girls are scheduled to play Jefferson Forest at Jefferson Forest.

Girls' hoop slate

BUCKINGHAM GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Place
8-30	Altavista	Away
9-1	Jefferson Forest	Away
9-6	Liberty	Home
9-8	William Campbell	Home
9-13	Rustburg	Away
9-15	Gretna	Away
9-20	Nelson	Home
9-22	Appomattox	Home
9-27	Brookville	Away
9-29	Altavista	Home
10-4	Jefferson Forest	Home
10-6	Liberty	Away
10-11	William Campbell	Away
10-13	Rustburg	Home
10-18	Gretna	Home
10-20	Nelson	Away
10-25	Appomattox	Away
10-27	Brookville	Home

Jr. Varsity Game - 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Game - 8:00 p.m.

Raider JV slate

APPOMATTOX J.V. FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8-31	Prince Edward	Home	6:00
9-7	Randolph Henry	Away	7:30
9-15	Nelson	Away	6:00
9-22	Liberty	Home	6:00
9-29	Rustburg	Away	6:00
10-6	Buckingham	Home	6:00
10-13	Jefferson Forest	Away	6:00
10-20	Brookville	Home	6:00
10-27	Altavista	Away	6:00
11-3	Amelia	Home	6:00

Plans underway for Sweeney Classic

Plans are now underway for the 5th annual Joe Sweeney 10K Classic road race, which is sponsored again this year by the Farmers National Bank.

The race is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, in conjunction with the annual railroad festival. Start time is 1 p.m. from Appomattox County High School on Rt. 727.

Race applicants have been printed and mailed to previous applicants. Applications are available at Farmers National Bank, the **Times-Virginian** and the Town Office.

If you have questions about the race, the race course, or training, contact Dick Smith at 352-8717 after 6:30 p.m.

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